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SUBJECT: M/V DIANA CECELIA (PN)

REF: STATE 294480

1. THE CREW OF THE M/V DIANA CECELIA WAS MISTAKENLY
DEPORTED TO BOGOTA, COLOMBIA ON DECEMBER 15, 1977. THIS
OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF A MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MIAMI
COAST GUARD AND INS OFFICIALS. CONCURRENT WITH THE DIANA
CECELIA SEIZURE, A SEIZURE INVOLVING THE VENEZUELAN VESSEL
LEMARCA I TOOK PLACE. THE LATTER WAS SEIZED FOR VIOLATION
OF U.S. LAW. DURING THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION, IT
WAS DECIDED NOT TO PROSECUTE THIS CREW UNDER U.S. LAW. THE
LEMARCA I CREW WAS REMANDED TO INS CUSTODY. AT THIS TIME,
ON DECEMBER 9, INS HAD CUSTODY OF BOTH CREWS. THE LEMARCA
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I CREW WAS BEING HELD FOR EXTRADITION TO VENEZUELA AND THE
DIANA CECELIA CREW WAS BEING HELD FOR EXTRADITION TO
PANAMA. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE GOV
COULD NOT EXTRADITE THE LEMARCA I CREW AS NO APPLICABLE
EXTRADITION TREATY WAS IN EFFECT. INS WAS INFORMED OF
THIS AND DEPORTATION WAS ARRANGED. THIS IS WHERE THE
MISUNDERSTANDING OCCURRED. WHILE IT IS UNCLEAR AS TO

THE EXACT CONTENT OF THE INTERCHANGE BETWEEN COAST GUARD
AND INS OFFICIALS, DEPORTATION OF THE DIANA CECELIA

CREW WAS NOT INTENDED. EITHER THROUGH MISINTERPRETA-
TION OR ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR, THIS CREW WAS DEPORTED
ALONG WITH THE LEMARCA I CREW.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: DRAWING UPON INFORMATION ABOVE,
NOTIFY GOP OF THIS ERROR. PLEASE EXPRESS OUR GENUINE
GRATITUDE FOR THE GOP'S COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY DURING
A PANAMANIAN HOLIDAY. EXTEND THE DEEP REGRET OF THE
USG FOR OUR ERROR AND OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT FUTURE
COOPERATION IN THESE MATTERS WILL NOT BE ADVERSELY
INFLUENCED BY THIS UNFORTUNATE MISTAKE.

3. FYI: THE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THAT THE GOP MAY
REGISTER A COMPLAINT IN THIS REGARD. ANTICIPATING THIS
AND WISHING TO MINIMIZE ADVERSE REACTION, THE USG IS
ATTEMPTING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXPEDITIOUS RELEASE
OF THE DIANA CECELIA TO PANAMA. PLEASE DO NOT MENTION
THIS POSSIBILITY TO THE PANAMANIAN, AS THE ARRANGEMENTS
ARE STILL VERY TENTATIVE. SPECIFICS IN THIS REGARD WILL
BE PROVIDED WHEN AVAILABLE. VANCE

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